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INTEREST

LONDON FOR AMB/EX, SOFIA FOR AMBASSADOR .

1. GRAHAM HOVEY OF NEW YORK TIMES REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT
CARTER OVERRULED NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION AND ORDER
SALES OF MORE THAN EIGHT TONS OF ENRICHED URANIUM TO INDIA
FOR ITS TARAPUR NUCLEAR POWER PLANT OUTSIDE BOMBAY. HOVEY
REPORTED THAT CARTER IN MESSAGE TO CONGRESS SAID HE WAS
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CONVINCED "THAT TO DENY SALE 'WOULD SERIOUSLY UNDERMINE OUR
EFFORTS TO PERSUADE INDIA TO ACCEPT FULL-SCOPE SAFEGUARDS
AND WOULD SERIOUSLY PREJUDICE ACHIEVEMENT OF OTHER U.S.
NONPROLIFERATION GOALS.'" DECISION CAN BE OVERTURNED BY
CONGRESS, HOVEY POINTED OUT.

2. SYNDICATED COLUMNISTS ROWLAND EVANS AND ROBERT NOVAK,

IN WASHINGTON POST, CHARGED THAT IN APRIL 17 AND 19 MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, "UNDER STRICTEST SECRECY, KEY OFFICIALS IN NATIONAL SECURITY BUREAUCRACY AGREED WITH BRITISH COUNTER-PARTS NOT TO INSIST ON PREVIOUS STRINGENT CONDITIONS FOR TOTAL NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY WITH SOVIET UNION." EVANS AND NOVAK ASSERTED THAT "EXTREME SECRECY MAY HAVE BEEN

DESIGNED TO KEEP NEWS OF MEETING NOT SO MUCH FROM RUSSIANS AS FROM PENTAGON. NEW U.S. NEGOTIATING POSTURE AMOUNTS TO ACCEPTING SOVIET TERMS FOR VERIFICATION OF COMPREHENSIVE BAN OF ALL UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTS.... THAT IS WHOLLY UNACCEPTABLE TO JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF AND SOME SENIOR DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WHO HAD NO PART IN DECISION, THUS POSING DIRECT CONFRONTATION BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND PENTAGON." COLUMNISTS SAID DRIVE FOR CTB HAS BEEN VIEWED BY SOME ARMS CONTROL ADVOCATES AS "EASY FIRST STEP" BEFORE TAKING THREATENED SALT TREATY TO SENATE. "CONSEQUENTLY, MAJOR PUSH HAS BEEN UNDER WAY FOR SEVERAL WEEKS IN GENEVA FOR TEST BAN TREATY. BUT SOVIET NEGOTIATOR IGOR MOROKHOV REJECTED U.S. PROPOSAL THAT COMPLIANCE BE VERIFIED INSIDE SOVIET UNION BY ABOUT 20 NEW INTERNAL SEISMIC STATIONS USING SOPHISTICATED U.S. EQUIPMENT GUARANTEED AGAINST SOVIET TAMPERING. SIMULTANEOUSLY, BRITISH CABINET SECRETLY AGREED TO SOFTEN ITS NEGOTIATING POSITION." EVANS AND NOVAK SAID THAT WAS SITUATION APRIL 17 WHEN BRITISH UNCLASSIFIED

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OFFICIALS CAME TO WASHINGTON FOR "HUSH-HUSH CONFERENCE WITH TWO CRITICALLY IMPORTANT U.S. OFFICIALS: ALAN NEIDLE OF ACDA AND LESLIE GELB OF STATE DEPARTMENT. DEFENSE DEPARTMENT WAS NOT INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES. NEIDLE DECLARED U.S. AND GREAT BRITAIN MUST HAVE STRATEGY THAT 'FINESSES' MOROKHOV'S CONCERNS. ABANDONING PREVIOUS U.S. DEMANDS, NEIDLE PROPOSED ACCEPTING NO MORE THAN 12 SEISMIC STATIONS IN SOVIET UNION AT LOCATIONS OF MOSCOW'S CHOICE. THOSE STATIONS WOULD BE LOCATED AT EXISTING SOVIET FACILITIES, POSSIBLY IMPROVED BY U.S. EARTHQUAKE-MONITORING EQUIPMENT NOT SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR TEST BAN VERIFICATION. 'ACDA POSITION,' SAID ONE INSIDE CRITIC, 'SEEMS TO BE MORE CONCERNED WITH OBTAINING SOVIET WORRIES THAN OBTAINING AN ADEQUATE VERIFICATION NETWORK.' NEIDLE EVEN SUGGESTED THAT VERIFICATION DETAILS NOT BE WORKED OUT IN ADVANCE BUT BE LEFT TO 'JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION' AFTER TREATY'S RATIFICATION. BRITISH AGREED. FINALLY, NEIDLE TOLD BRITISH U.S. NO LONGER INSISTS ON PERMITTING SOME RELATIVELY LOW-LEVEL TESTING, CALLED ESSENTIAL BY U.S. WEAPONS EXPERTS TO MAINTAIN NUCLEAR ARSENAL. RATHER, HE SAID, U.S. DELEGATION WILL RETURN TO GENEVA WITHOUT ANY POSITION ON PERMITTED TESTING. NEIDLE'S

NEW POSITION WAS CONFIRMED TO BRITISH TWO DAYS LATER, APRIL 19, IN ANOTHER SECRET MEETING BY JOHN MARKHAM OF NSC STAFF. MARKHAM ALSO VOICED WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT LAST YEAR'S OFFER FROM SOVIET PRESIDENT LEONID BREZHNEV FOR 'VOLUNTARY' ON-SITE INSPECTIONS AT SOVIET DISCRETION. BUT IN FACT, SUCH INSPECTIONS -- VOLUNTARY OR NOT -- ARE INEFFECTIVE, AS RUSSIANS WELL KNOW. IT IS SOPHISTICATED SEISMIC STATIONS THAT ARE MOST EFFECTIVE, AND THAT IS

WHAT MOSCOW OBJECTS TO. SECRECY OF APRIL 17 AND 19 MEETINGS SUGGESTS THAT STATE DEPARTMENT, ACDA AND NSC ARE SHORTSTOPPING USUAL INTERAGENCY REVIEW PROCEDURES -- THUS GAGGING PROTESTS. THAT FITS TEST BAN TACTICS FOLLOWED BY PAUL WARNKE, ACDA'S SHREWD DIRECTOR. WHILE UNCLASSIFIED

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PUBLICLY SAYING QUESTION IS STILL OPEN, WARNKE HAS ARGUED WITHIN TOPSECRET SECURITY COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR TREATY BANNING ALL TESTS, ADDING THAT GENEVA TALKS SHOULD OTHERWISE BE BROKEN OFF.... BIGGEST QUESTION NOW IS REACTION OF JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, WHO ACCEPTED ROLE OF GOOD SOLDIER ON KOREAN TROOPS, B-ONE BOMBER AND NEUTRON WARHEAD...."

3. WASHINGTON POST, IN EDITORIAL ON MIDEAST WARPLANES PACKAGE, AID "IN BEST OF ALL WORLDS, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER TO AVOID SUCH AN INFLAMMATORY QUESTION WHILE MIDEAST NEGOTIATIONS WERE STILL UP IN AIR. BUT THAT IS PLAINLY NOT TO BE. WITH TIMING ISSUE THUS MOOTED, SALES MUST BE FACED ON MERITS. AND ON MERITS, PRESIDENT'S CASE FOR SELLING TO ALL THREE COUNTRIES SIMULTANEOUSLY IS, IN OUR VIEW, OVERWHELMING." VANCE

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